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Attorney Docket No.: DIVER1280-17

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Short et al. Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/975,036 Examiner: C.J. Myers
Filed: October 10, 2001 Confirmation No.: 2400
Title: HIGH THROUGHPUT OR CAPILLARY-BASED SCREENING FOR A
BIOACTIVITY OR BIOMOLECULE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003.

The requested extension is for Two (2) Months, extending the period for response from March 8 to May 8, 2004.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, May 6, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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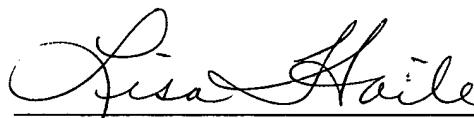
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Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY status** in the above-identified application.

Enclosed is Check No. 558792 in the amount of \$265.00, which consists of \$210.00 for the Two (2) Month extension of time fee and \$55.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 6, 2004



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